

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CAROLE HAAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carole Haas for her service to our community.

When Carole Haas read a newspaper report about a young mother who left her baby in a dumpster, she vowed to make a difference. With four young children at home, she opened Bridgeway in 1986 to support young pregnant women.

The facility provides shelter, counseling, life skill classes and complete support for young women age 16 to 21 during and after pregnancy. The residents must either attend school or hold a job.

For the first 15 years, Ms. Haas managed all the residents herself. She now has the help of a staff. Carole Haas continues to dedicate herself to overseeing what has grown to be a thriving, sustainable non-profit that has assisted 525 young women.

As the founder and director of Bridgeway, Ms. Haas has devoted her life to providing compassion, love and support to young pregnant women during a highly vulnerable time in their lives.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3996, TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Temporary Tax Relief Act, a much-needed piece of legislation that will provide relief to millions of working families across the country.

The tax bill before us is a far cry from the irresponsible tax cuts my Republican colleagues have supported in the past. While their tax plan permitted hundreds of wealthy Americans to construct new wings for their summer homes and add new sports cars to their garages, our tax plan provides financial relief to millions of working-class Americans. The alternative minimum tax was never meant to harm the hard-working middle-class families of America, but unfortunately, years of wage inflation and economic change have placed an enormous burden on the shoulders of these families. While my Republican colleagues have spent the past decade providing the wealthiest Americans with new yachts, these middle-class families have been crying out for help, a cry that this Congress will finally address here today.

Without this legislation, 23 million working-class families will be subjugated to the Alternative Minimum Tax. My colleagues have

made a proposal that will not only provide relief to these Americans, but will do it in a responsible manner. Unlike the reckless tax cuts that were brazenly supported by the President, this tax proposal will not burden our children and grandchildren with debt. This tax bill is completely revenue-neutral.

I urge my colleagues to stand before the American people and demonstrate where this Congress' priorities lie. Are we fighting for a handful of wealthy millionaires while the middle-class families languish with an incredible tax burden? Or are we with 23 million hard-working American families across the country, including more than 61,000 in Michigan's 15th Congressional District? I urge my colleagues to support the middle-class families and support this bill.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LINDA MORROW AS THE 2007 OHIO PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Linda Morrow challenges and inspires her students and colleagues; and

Whereas, Linda Morrow has been a dedicated faculty member of Muskingum College since 1988; and

Whereas, Linda Morrow has been an outstanding instructor of education; and

Whereas, Linda Morrow is recognized for her contribution to the today's students; be it Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Linda Morrow for her service and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN GIFFORD ENGLE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dawn Gifford Engle for her service to our community.

Eleven years ago, Dawn Gifford Engle and her husband cofounded PeaceJam, which coordinates educational programs to inspire young people to provide peaceful solutions to the root causes of violence and suffering in the world. So far, half a million young people from the United States to East Timor have created and implemented 300,000 community projects. Dawn is committed to increase the number of young people inspired by PeaceJam to one billion by the year 2016.

In 2006, the Arvada resident brought the world to Denver when the PeaceJam Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary here. The

Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other Nobel Peace Prize Laureates attended the program.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3996, the Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007.

The Temporary Tax Relief Act will provide immediate tax relief for working families by preventing 23 million middle class families from paying higher taxes this April. Without this legislation, these 23 million families will be subjected to the alternative minimum tax, including almost 111,000 of my constituents.

When the AMT was enacted, it was meant to ensure the wealthiest among us paid their fair share of a tax that was never designed to hit the pocketbooks of middle-class families. While this is only a temporary fix, I want to be clear that I hope we can move forward in the near future to provide a long-term solution to this problem. I am proud that Chairman RANGEL has brought this fix to the floor today while still adhering to the pay-as-you-go promise this Democratic controlled Congress has promised the American people.

While fixing the AMT is of outmost importance, we cannot afford to mortgage our children's and grandchildren's future to pay for this tax relief. Our country is currently burdened with over \$9 trillion of national debt, each American's share at nearly \$30,000.

We simply cannot afford to keep adding to this. In addition to the AMT fix, this bill would increase the eligibility for the refundable child tax credit, it extends research and development tax credits to promote innovative and high-paying jobs, and we are providing tax relief to millions of homeowners suffering from the current subprime mortgage crisis.

One concern that I do have with this legislation is the potential that the change to the taxation of "carried interest" may have the unintended consequence of capturing certain real estate partnerships.

We should not treat capital gains in real estate partnerships as ordinary income. These partnerships invest their own capital and should continue to be taxed at the capital gains rate.

I have joined a group of my colleagues asking for report language to clarify this issue and I hope that this concern will be addressed before final implementation of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats in Congress are providing common sense tax relief for middle class American families and we are doing

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